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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to his duty of good faith and candor as set forth in 37 CFR 1.56(a), applicant requests that the references cited on attached form PTO-1449 (a copy of which is enclosed) be considered by the Examiner.

Please note that two Japanese Patent Application Publications were cited and discussed in the Notice of Reasons for Rejection mailed on January 10, 2006 from the Japan Patent Office in the priority application. The relevance of these references can be seen from the enclosed Notice of Reasons for Rejection. The English abstracts for these references are also enclosed.

Please note that the English language translation of Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 2000-101894 is also enclosed. Please also note that this English translation is machine translation provided by the Japan Patent Office and the Japan Patent Office states that the translation may not precisely reflect the original Japanese text.

Please also note that enclosed is a copy of U.S. Patent No. 6,853,461 which is an English language counterpart for Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 11-308401.

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It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached at the telephone number listed below. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address below.

Respectfully submitted,

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